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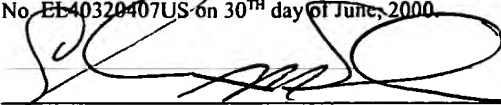
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification and claims of the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Michael Joseph Banner; Paul Bradford Blanch; Neil Russell Euliano, II
and Jose C. Principe


Title of Invention: “VENTILATOR MONITOR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME”

Also enclosed are:

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	OATH OR DECLARATION OF APPLICANT(S)		
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	A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT		
X	A VERIFIED STATEMENT TO ESTABLISH SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.9 AND §1.27		
X	A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$546.00 TO COVER THE FILING FEE.		
X	THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO ACCOUNT NO. 14-0629		
	A CERTIFIED COPY OF PREVIOUSLY FILED FOREIGN APPLICATION NO. FILED IN ON .		
X	<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being placed in the United States Mail as Express Mail No. E140320407US on 30TH day of June, 2000.</p> <p> Everardo McFarlane</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6-30-2000 DATE</p>		
	A computer readable form of the sequence listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e). The content of the computer readable form of the sequence listing and the sequence listing in the specification of the application as filed are the same.		
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In re Application of)	
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Michael Joseph Banner, et al.)	
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Serial No. Unassigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: VENTILATOR MONITOR SYSTEM)	
AND METHOD OF USING SAME)	

AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME
AS INCORPORATING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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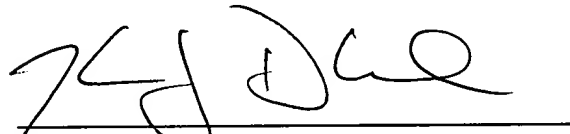
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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